did consider for a time whether such a course was necessary. And Dr. John knows, as well as I do, there is such a thing in law as abundant caution, and it is that we have chosen to do here. Dr. John asked whether it is legal to adopt rules by a resolution instead of by the regular procedure prescribed for that. I am afraid he is wrong. The select committee procedure is prescribed only for amendments to rules. All that is sought to be done under this resolution is to continue the old rules and so I hope this resolution will be accepted as a right thing that is being done."

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I move—

> '*That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Mr. K. O. Antoni and Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Ayyangar and conveys its sense of sympathy to the members of their bereaved families.*'

" Sir, I move this resolution in memory of two members of this House who are not with us to-day. Following the practice in this House, it is my painful duty to bring before you the death of Mr. K. O. Antoni, late member for Indian Christian Constituency and Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Ayyangar, late nominated member, and desire to express our sense of loss we have sustained and our sympathy with their relatives. The late Mr. Antoni has been a very prominent figure in our Council. He was a very keen labour Member and took an active part in our discussion here. I knew him as a young man studying in the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly. He was a very good sportsman and he was a very good football player. Subsequently I lost sight of him for years, as I lived far away from Trichinopoly. Later in life I came across him as a Member of this Council. He has been a labour officer in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, and his services have been regarded by those who were in close touch with him as valuable. As Welfare Superintendent of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, he was responsible for the organization of the Athletic Association, the Co-operative Society, Dramatic Society, Literary and Debating Society, the St. John Ambulance Corps and various other activities connected with the mills. As Secretary of the Welfare Committee, he will be remembered as the man who successfully organized for the first time in the history of the Mills regular meetings between the management and representatives of the workers for discussion of all kinds of problems affecting conditions of work or the welfare of the workers.

3-45 p.m. " His active life however was in no way confined to his duties in the Mills heavy though they were. Mr. Antony was a leading Catholic and President of more than one association, namely, the Malabar Catholic Association and the Syrian Christian Association. He had been President of the Madras City Catholic Association for a number of years. This list of his activities though impressive

is incomplete without a reference to his personality. All those who knew him were impressed by his devotion to duty, his sympathy with the poor, his tact and kindliness. His sincerity and energy never allowed those disappointments which must often cross the path of social workers to discourage him or affect the high qualities of his work. He literally died in harness as the House knows while he was about here in the Secretariat. I am sure that all of us here will remember his services and I simply conclude that May his soul rest in Peace.

"Mr. K. R. K. Iyengar was a prominent member of this House though he was in the House only for a very very short period. He as a young man was educated in Bangalore and subsequently he went to England and became a M.D. in the Edinburgh University. Then he joined the I.M.S. and for long he was associated with research work. He was a Captain, a Major and then he became a Lieutenant-Colonel. He spent most of his life in Coonoor as the Director of the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, which was perhaps the main feature of his life. He conducted the Institute very successfully and all the credit for the work that has been done in the Institute applies to him in no small measure. He was a very agreeable person, sweet and very hospitable. He was the centre of all activities in Coonoor and to him all those workers in the Institute owe their inspiration. He was a man of very liberal faith. He was a Brahmo by faith. He knew no castes. He married an illustrious Bengalee lady and has left behind him children and grandchildren. While he was here he had to speak only on one occasion. He spoke very strongly in favour of maintaining the scientific system of medical science and that I remember even to-day. He was a very strong man, very nice in his feelings and the services he rendered for the many long years to this country, particularly in the field of research, cannot be forgotten. I have had the happiness of knowing him in person, in close contact on more than one occasion and I have been his guest for a number of years at Coonoor. I knew personally the interest he has taken in the civic welfare of the Coonoor Municipality and his living interest with regard to sanitary and health problems of the place and also the love he had for the beautiful hills of Coonoor. It is a pity that we have lost him and I am sure that this House will be doing itself barest justice in rendering homage to him and to the memory of one who has worked and served for his country. May his soul rest in Peace."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, Sir, it is an irony of fate that we have to move a resolution of condolence on the death of two of our late colleagues, immediately after the happy resolution which we passed just now in this House. Sir, the two friends have gone the same way in which so many have preceded them. It is a thing which we cannot prevent. But it is now rather a painful duty for us to make a reference to them. Certainly, it is very painful to the bereaved family and also to us their friends. Mr. Antony was a friend of all the members. He had been a very

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jovial friend among us and he was a person with a congenial temperament and pleasing manners. So also was the other friend and now we cannot do anything else except to express our condolence to their bereaved family and I associate myself fully with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble the Leader of the House. May their souls rest in Peace."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—"The late Col. Iyengar, Sir, was sitting by my side and it is impossible for me not to speak on this occasion. I knew him so well. When he spoke in this Council he made a very great contribution. He studied the subject very well and I was very much impressed with his speech. The House is poorer by his death. As a man to know him was to love him. We are indeed very sorry that we should have lost him prematurely and that he was not spared for the very great and useful services that he has been doing, in the field of research and other spheres of life.

"Mr. Antony as everybody knew took life seriously. He also has made a very great contribution to the discussions in this House. We are sorry that he should have passed away so prematurely and in harness."

* SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—"Mr. Antony, Sir, was sitting by my side. Not only that, Sir, I have been associated with him as a social worker working among the Harijans and the depressed classes for several years. He was the Labour Welfare Officer in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills during a very critical period. You know, Sir, that I belong to the radical section of the trade union movement and that there is nothing uncommon between the trade union movement and the Welfare Department conducted by the employers. The Welfare Department is a necessary part of every industry and it is not necessarily inconsistent with the trade union movement. Mr. Antony, I know had very strong views on the labour movement. He was a nationalist to the core, but unfortunately as it happens with several enthusiasts he had to work as a Welfare Officer in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills and could not give expression to his views nor identify himself openly with the political parties. But he was a great social worker. He was a thorough nationalist and he was considerably responsible for the moulding of the political views of the Christian community. He was President of the Catholic Indian Association and a leading figure in the Indian Christian community. We all remember, Sir, the speeches that he made in this House, especially on behalf of the non-gazetted employees of the Government, whose grievances are yet to be redressed. He moved a resolution, Sir, on the necessity for setting up a Housing Committee and he fought so strongly that it was one of the non-official resolutions which was accepted by this House. It has taken shape and the Housing Committee has already commenced its proceedings."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"You mean accepted by the Government?"

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SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Yes, Sir. We might forget Mr. Antony but it is not possible to forget the resolution for which he fought and the Housing Committee which is now sitting. I must specially refer, Sir, to the great work that he did for twenty years continuously among the depressed classes though his duties as a Welfare Officer of the mills had strictly nothing to do with this. He was not here for long, Sir, and I am sure that had he lived he would have made a greater contribution to the proceedings of the Legislature. I fully associate myself—though we were poles asunder, I, as a labour worker and himself as a labour officer. Apart from all that, Mr. Antony was a gentleman, he was a great mationalist and a social worker.

" Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Iyengar was here and we all know how popular he was though we had no occasion to move with him closely. Sir, I associate myself with the feelings expressed by the Leader of the House."

* SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, I should like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed in the House. Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Iyengar and I were college-mates and he was the Captain of the Cricket Team in the Central College, Bangalore, and in those days I was also a sportsman subjecting myself to his very strict discipline and as I was not contributing runs in the cricket matches he always gave me the long-on of the fielding place in the cricket field. He left college about the year 1903 and returned from England nine or ten years later. Afterwards I had no occasion to meet him till I met him here last year and I thought that in the evening of our lives our association would endure longer but God has willed it otherwise. When I last met him in Coonoor, he was very genial to me and it was a very pleasant time that I spent with him. He was very hospitable and in every sense a gentleman. We miss him very much here. Had he lived, Sir, he would have made a better contribution than he did during the few days that he was here.

" With regard to Mr. Antony, his death was quite accidental and tragic. I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed by our friend Mr. Sarma. With these few words, Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" With real feelings of sorrow and loss I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by so many hon. Members of this House as regards the demise of the two respected Members of this House. I have known both of them only as Members of this House. My experience of them has shown that they made very valuable contributions to the discussions of this House and contributed in not a small proportion to the utility of the discussion. Mr. Anthony, especially, was really a very serious man. The hon. Member, Dr. John, said that he took things seriously. It was so true of him that he would take seriously even some of my remarks. He would not see the humour of them but he would take them in the literal sense of the words. I had some anxious 4 p.m.
moments to mollify him now and then. I always felt that he was very anxious to participate in the discussions here and whenever he

got up to speak, his speech was solid in materials and facts. He made a very useful contribution to the discussions on the various subjects. There was not one subject on which he did not speak. It is really a great pity that such a useful member of this House should have been cut off in the prime of his life. I had an opportunity of looking at him lying in state the next day after his death. While he was there in his house, I had an ocular proof of the high esteem in which he was held by his own community. He was not only a devout Christian but a very popular member of his community. Such popularity does not come easily. I am sure his services to his community must have been so great that his loss was keenly felt and deeply mourned not merely by the members of his family but also by the members of his community.

"As regards Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Iyengar, it was a pleasure to meet him. He never made any demands for speeches as other members did. Whenever he spoke, he spoke with so much feeling and enthusiasm and put so much knowledge into his speeches that it was always a pleasure to hear him. His speech on prohibition and his speech on medical research are still ringing in my ears. It is a pity that he was not spared for some more time to make his useful contributions to the deliberations of this August Assembly. With great feelings of sorrow I associate myself with this resolution. I hope that this resolution will in a way allay the sense of loss of the members of their families. The House will now stand and pass the resolution in silence."

The resolution was adopted unanimously, all the members standing.

V.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Strength of the Indian Civil Service and of the "listed" posts.

* 1 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength of the Indian Civil Service is as fixed under the Government of India Act under the different categories;

(*b*) whether the service is in full strength now;

(*c*) whether there are posts in Madras reserved mainly for members of the Indian Civil Service;

(*d*) whether all the posts under (*c*) have been filled up;

(*e*) whether there are what are known as "listed" posts and if so, what their number is;

(*f*) (i) what proportion does the number of posts in (*e*) bear to the full strength of the service; and

(ii) how it has been fixed;

(*g*) whether the number of "listed" posts can at the discretion of the Government be increased or decreased;